

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 267

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Rachel Renee Smith upon being crowned Miss USA for 2007.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected members of this General Assembly pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who bring beauty, grace, and purpose to all their endeavors and who serve as excellent ambassadors of our great State; and

WHEREAS, one such superlative Tennessean and beautiful young lady is Miss Rachel Renee Smith who was crowned Miss USA during the pageant competition in Los Angeles, California, on March 23, 2007; and

WHEREAS, a native of Clarksville, Rachel Smith bested 50 other beautiful young women in evening gown, swimwear, and personal interview competition to claim the regal title of "Miss USA for 2007" and will represent the United States of America in the Miss Universe pageant later this year; and

WHEREAS, this exceptionally talented young lady adds this esteemed laurel to an already impressive resume in pageant competition, one which includes her being crowned the 2001 Miss Tennessee Teen in addition to her Miss Tennessee USA title; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of former United States Army sergeants who were reassigned to serve with the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Rachel Renee Smith was born in Panama, but settled with her family permanently in Clarksville; and

WHEREAS, the singular Miss Smith attended Davidson Academy in Nashville and is a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Belmont University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Journalism, having received a full tuition scholarship due to her exemplary community service activities and academic achievements in high school; and

WHEREAS, on the Dean's List throughout her entire collegiate career, Rachel Smith was active in numerous campus organizations and events, including Phi Eta Sigma Honor

Society, as an officer for an organization dedicated to welcoming prospective students and their families, and as managing editor for the student newspaper, *The Belmont Vision*; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Smith also seeks to give back to the Nashville community spending many hours at the Vine Hill Boys and Girls Club where she is an avid volunteer; and

WHEREAS, this very accomplished young lady has served as an intern for News Channel 5, WTVF-Nashville, and interned last year at Harpo Productions, Inc., in Chicago, the production company behind "The Oprah Winfrey Show," as she utilized the skills gleaned during her college education; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Smith has attained excellence in many diverse fields of human endeavor at a young age, from the visual and performing arts to academic excellence and pageant competition, and she should be specially praised and recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Rachel Renee Smith of Clarksville, Tennessee upon her recent coronation as Miss USA for 2007 and wish her much continued success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.